

**City of Bloomington
Telecommunications Council
Business Meeting – October 5, 2010**

**Common Council Chambers
City Hall at the Showers Building
401 N. Morton St.**

I. Members Present: Carl Zager, Eric Ost, Duane Busick

II. Approval of Minutes:

- A motion was made by Duane Busick to accept the minutes, and seconded by Eric Ost. No Corrections. Questions was called, all approved the motion.

III. Public Comment and Reports

Lennon Beasley

- Thank you to Carl for attending the party celebrating Lennon's 1000th programs. Lennon showed a plaque that he had received in honor of his accomplishment. He also received a declaration from the Mayor, that he read.
- Programs that he has produced in September:
 - Bowling Show – 7
 - Drum Show – 3
 - Music Town – 7
 - Singing Studio – 3
 - Party Rock (New) – 2In this program Lennon goes to open mic nights and performs, typically on Wednesday and Friday.

IV. Reports and Announcements

1. Telecommunication Council Members:

- Duane – No Report
- Eric - No Report
- Carl – In the spring, I suggested that the council think about holding elections for the coming year. We got side-tracked. I have committed to two other major projects that will take up a lot of my time. I would appreciate us holding an election early in the agenda for the November meeting to get officers in place for the rest of the year.
- Duane – No problem with that.

2. ITS Dept. – Rick Dietz - No Report

3. CATS – Michael White

- Monthly programming
- A sincere thank you was expressed to the Friends of the Library for providing the plaque for Lennon. Also to the Mayor's office for giving him the declaration.
- There were some articles about CATS in the newspaper during the month.
- We had about 30 candidates respond to the "Candidates on Demand". It all should be on the website in the coming week.
- Discussion about I-Movie
 - Carl – I would like to see CATS do more publicizing about learning how to do programming.
 - Michael – That suggestion actually came out in the strategic planning.
- Ch. 14 problems – We received many phone calls from viewers that we getting a blank screen on ch. 14. Across the screen was message that if they were having problems they were to call a number. I called and talked to Shirley, who is great. She transferred me to a gentleman who could help me, but had to leave a voice mail, and never heard back from him. Now our tech guys were working with the Comcast tech guys and the problem seems to have been resolved.
 - Carl – The inability to address service issues in a timely manner with video service providers in a community is very troubling. Your attempts to contact Comcast parallel community member's attempts to contact Comcast. Once a live person is reached things go well, but it is getting to that live person. It is a big frustration for this council and the community. We hear so many complaints that we need to be advocates for.

4. WTIU – Phil Meyer - No Report

V. Information from or about Video Service Provider

VI. Old Business

1. Report to City Council

Eric – I would like to move that we fold our 2009 report in with the 2010 report.

Duane - When would be the deadline for being finished?

Eric – It would be complete by the first of the year.

Duane – I think we could finish it in December to present to the city council at their first meeting of the New Year.

Eric – I amend the motion that we work on the 2009 and 2010 reports thru our December meeting, completing it by our meeting in January. Then plan to present the reports to the City Council at one of their meetings after our January meeting,

Carl – Questioned called, all in favor.

2. EAS Announcements - No Report

3. PEG Channels- No Report

4. Telecommunications Council Charter –

Duane - I move that the Telecommunications Council Charter, as far as the council is concerned be removed from an item on the agenda. It is not an issue we should be dealing with on a monthly basis.

Carl – 2nd

Eric – Strongly disagreed. It is an issue that we need to discuss. It is the rational for our disbandment. The charter rides fundamentally on the existing ordinance being in tune with the Indiana Video Franchise law and it is a pressing matter that needs our attention.

Carl – We have a block of activities that we have assigned ourselves. These activities include developing ways to deal with the administering of PEG, giving the public a forum to discuss problems with Video Service Providers, and to provide a liaison structure. None of which form an ordinance, they form a method of operation. This could all be placed under general reports.

Duane – If it is current business it shouldn't be placed under old business.

Eric – We should then also move points 2 & 3 to general reports as well.

Duane – Withdrawals motion! We are an advisory body, or role won't change.

There was more discussion over the agenda. At many meeting, there is nothing to discuss that pertains to point's #1-4. Those points still need to be in the agenda, but not under old business. If there is something that needs to be discussed about them then it can be brought up under Telecommunication Members Reports. Duane was then ask to amend his motion instead of withdrawing it. The council should start with a clean agenda. All approved.

VII. New Business

VIII. Adjournment

Next Regular Meeting

November 2th, 2010

Common Council Chambers in City Hall at the Showers Building
401 N. Morton St.

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